

# City Manager's Update

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Hello everyone!

In an effort to provide an update of important news and notes from this last week, the following report has been prepared. As always, please feel free to let me know if you have a question about any of the items contained in this update – I can be reached via email at [ochi@ci.monrovia.ca.us](mailto:ochi@ci.monrovia.ca.us)!

And of course... all the best to you and yours as we continue through this week!

Best regards,  
Oliver

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And now... on to this week's update!

## **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*Happy are those who dream dreams and are ready to pay the price to make them come true.*

– Leon J. Suenes

## **PROPOSED MARRIOTT TOWNEPLACE SUITES HOTEL PROJECT MOVING FORWARD, CURRENTLY IN ENTITLEMENT PHASE WITH SCOPING MEETING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 13, 2016**

Just a quick note to let everyone know that staff met via conference call this past week with the Tharaldson Hospitality Group (THG) development team regarding the proposed Marriott Towneplace Suites Hotel for the southwest corner of Myrtle Avenue and Huntington Drive. The THG development team has made good progress these past few weeks in developing the details needed to entitle the proposed project. As part of the work that has been engaged to date, staff has been working with THGs environmental compliance team to perform the reviews necessary for the proposed hotel project.

An important element associated with the environmental review is to hold a scoping meeting with the community to outline details related to the proposed project and to receive feedback regarding potential issues of concern. Based on our discussions to date, the scoping meeting for the hotel project is tentatively scheduled to be held on October 13, 2016. We will be sure to share additional details related to the meeting as soon as we have them available!

## **MONROVIA RENEWAL STREET CONSTRUCTION WORK SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN MID-OCTOBER 2016, CITY STAFF WORKING TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC OUTREACH MEETING TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE ON OCTOBER 19, 2016**

The City's Monrovia Renewal project – which is a multi-year initiative that will make priority repairs to the all of the City's water & sewer pipelines, water facilities, streets, sidewalks, curbs, and gutters – is well underway in the Southwest and Southeast portions of town, which includes the areas bordered to the north by Colorado Boulevard, to the south by the 210 Freeway, and east and west to the City boundaries.

The most impactful construction work that will occur in the Southwest and Southeast project areas are the planned street improvements. We wanted to share with everyone that this past week, City personnel met with our street contractor to

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begin coordinating the scheduling and execution of the planned improvements, which is scheduled to begin construction work on October 10, 2016. For the first several weeks, the contractor will be working on making identified concrete repairs, before we get to the more impactful street enhancements.

In an effort to provide additional information regarding the planned street improvements and their associated impacts, a public outreach meeting is currently being planned and has tentatively been set to take place on Wednesday, October 19, 2016. This meeting will provide additional details related to anticipated impacts and project schedule, and additional information regarding the meeting will be distributed in the coming weeks. Should you have any questions in the interim, however, please visit us online at [www.cityofmonrovia.org/monroviarenewal](http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/monroviarenewal), or feel free to call the Public Works Division at (626) 932-5575.

## **MONROVIA RENEWAL CONSTRUCTION WORK IN THE SOUTHWEST & SOUTHEAST PROJECT SECTIONS WELL UNDERWAY, \$9.5 MILLION IN CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN AWARDED AND THE PROJECT IS ON TIME AND ON BUDGET**

Over the past several weeks, the Monrovia Renewal project has been advancing and the City has made significant progress in constructing the improvements identified in the Southwest and Southeast sections of town (which includes the areas bordered to the north by Colorado Boulevard, to the south by the 210 Freeway, and east and west to the City boundaries).

To date, the City Council has awarded construction contracts for all the work identified in the Southwest and Southeast sections of the Monrovia Renewal project, which total more than \$9.5 million in improvements. And significantly, we are happy to be able to share that the current phase of the overall project is currently projected to be completed on time and on budget!

An overview of the progress we have made to date includes the following overview:

- **Sewer Improvements Are Substantially Complete**
  - Sewer segment improvements on Shamrock Avenue and Monterey Avenue have been completed. This past week the project contractor completed the necessary paving to repair the roadways, and we expect to close this project out in the next week.
- **Water Line Improvements Project Underway**
  - The City's contractor has begun replacing old and damaged water lines on Primrose Avenue from Huntington Drive to Central Avenue. Work on Primrose Avenue is expected to complete around October 10, 2016, and at that point in time, contractors will transition their work to Cypress Avenue from Shamrock Avenue to Sherman Avenue. The streets will be closed to through traffic during the construction work, however, residents will be allowed access at all times. In addition, street parking will be restricted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. where construction is being performed. We would ask that everyone please abide by the 'No Parking' signs, which will be posted 48 hours in advance of when the construction work will occur. Additionally, all impacted streets will be re-opened for traffic at the end of each work day.
- **Water Service Lines Replacement Project**
  - The City's contractor continues to make excellent progress on water service line replacements throughout the Southwest and Southeast project areas. This initiative includes the replacement of more than 100 galvanized steel water service lines with new copper water pipes. It is anticipated that this portion of the project will be completed by October 10, 2016.

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- **Sidewalk Repairs By Precision Concrete Cutting**
  - Precision Concrete Cutting continues to repair sidewalks by removing trip hazards and replace chipped sidewalk areas. The contractor started work in the Southwest segment of the Monrovia Renewal project and they are working their way east. When they are complete with the two initial sections, they will have made over 7,000 sidewalk repairs! This work is expected to take approximately six months, and will conclude in February 2017.
  
- **Street Improvements Project Set To Begin On October 10, 2016**
  - The construction work that will be most impactful for residents is related to the street improvements that will occur in the Southwest and Southeast project areas. This past week, City personnel met with our street contractor to coordinate the scheduling and execution of the planned work, which is scheduled to begin the week of October 10, 2016.

## **SIGN UP TODAY FOR MONROVIA RENEWAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATES**

Monrovia Renewal has started construction! As you may recall, Monrovia Renewal is a multi-year initiative that will make priority repairs to the all of the City's water & sewer pipelines, water facilities, streets, sidewalks, curbs, and gutters. The initial work related to Monrovia Renewal has begun in the Southwest and Southeast portions of town, which includes the areas located to the eastern and western City limits located between Colorado Boulevard to the north and the 210 Freeway to the south (see attached project map).

Stay connected to everything related to Monrovia Renewal by visiting us online at [www.cityofmonrovia.org/monroviarenewal](http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/monroviarenewal). While at the site, you can sign-up for e-mail updates by clicking on the "Monrovia Renewal Project Updates and Work Notices" tab, and following the instructions to subscribe! An email sign-up instruction guide has been included as an attachment for your reference. We have also included a FAQ guide regarding the overall project for your information.

Monrovia Renewal is the largest public works project that the City has ever undertaken, and we appreciate your patience and support while we work to execute the identified infrastructure improvements throughout our community! As this process unfolds, if you should have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to let me know!

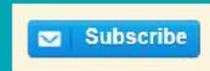
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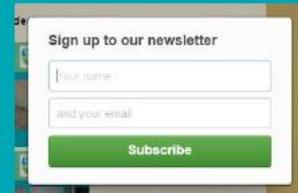
## Sign Up for E-mail Updates!

Step 1: Visit [www.cityofmonrovia.org/monroviarenewal](http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/monroviarenewal) and click on the Project Updates and Work Notices tab.

Step 2: Scroll down the page and click the Subscribe button.



Step 3: Enter your name and email address.



Step 4: You will receive a confirmation email. Click the link and you're all set!

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## Infrastructure Repairs Begin August 2016!



The Southwest (SW) and Southeast (SE) are the first two segments of Monrovia Renewal scheduled for construction, starting this summer through mid-2017.

Find your street below to see what work will be done in your area. Pipeline and sidewalk repairs will begin in early August, and street-related work is expected to begin in October, starting in the Southwest section and moving east.



Treatment	Color on Map	What is it?*	What's the impact?*
Slurry Seal	Yellow	Thin, smooth top coat added – To prevent damage from worsening	Full working day to lay and allow to dry/cure – Road closed while drying
Cape Seal	Blue	Loose chip layer + slurry seal on top – For minor damage	Temporary, 7-10 days of rough chip layer, then slurry seal
Mill & Overlay	Green	Removes and replaces top 2 inches of asphalt – For major damage	Intermittent road closures for 2-3 weeks, can drive on rough bottom layer, restricted parking
Reconstruction	Red	Rehabilitation of base layer, then new top layer added – For replacement	Road surface returns to dirt, hot asphalt poured, intermittent road closures for 3 weeks, restricted parking
Water & Sewer Pipelines	Yellow / Red Dashes	Repairs to the water or sewer pipelines underneath the street	Varies depending on size on length of repair. Partial or full road closures during the day, reopening the street at night. Heavy equipment will be in use.

\*Note that details are subject to change depending on in-field conditions and the contractors' assessment.

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## MONROVIA RENEWAL

## Frequently Asked Questions

### ❖ What is Monrovia Renewal?

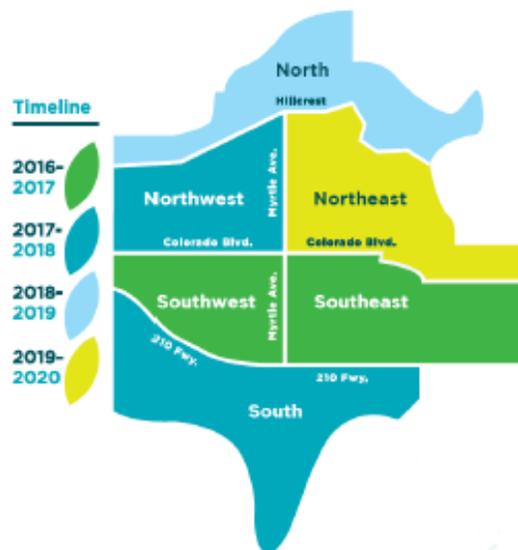
Monrovia Renewal is a multi-year initiative that is making large-scale repairs to aging infrastructure across the city, including water and sewer pipelines, water facilities, streets, sidewalks, curbs, and gutters.

### ❖ Why is the project divided into segments?

Because the repairs are extensive, construction will occur one segment at a time to help minimize disruption and the number of times the pavement is cut into. This also improves efficiency and lowers the overall cost of construction.

### ❖ When will construction begin?

Monrovia Renewal will be completed within 4-5 years. Construction will occur by segment, starting with Southwest & Southeast in August 2016, Northwest & South in 2017, North in 2018, and Northeast in 2019.



### ❖ How much will this cost and how is it funded?

Monrovia Renewal is estimated to cost \$51.7 million, making it the largest public works project in the City's history! In November 2015, water and sewer rates were adjusted to pay for repairs to these systems. Street repairs are funded by L.A. County sales tax that must be used on transportation projects.

### ❖ What can I expect during construction?

Repairs vary by street and may include repairs to water and sewer lines, the street and/or sidewalk. There will be short periods when a lane or entire road is closed and a route detour is required. Sometimes you will not be allowed to park on a particular street. At these times, signs will be posted on the street in advance. Noise, dust, untidy conditions, and large equipment may be present.

### ❖ How much notice will I be given?

Residents will have at least 72 hours' notice prior to construction on their street. Construction is inconvenient, and work schedules often change with little or no notice. We will work to mitigate these impacts as much as possible, but we thank you in advance for your patience and flexibility!

### ❖ Why aren't there repairs on my street?

The City conducted a study to rate the pavement condition of each street on a scale of 0 to 100. Any street that scored less than 70 has a less than satisfactory condition and is in need of repairs. Streets that scored 70 or above will be repaired in the future as part of the City's ongoing maintenance.

### ❖ Who is overseeing this project?

The City Council approves all engineering and construction contracts in advance and gets quarterly updates on the project. The Council also established an Oversight Committee to monitor progress and spending that meets on a quarterly basis.

### ❖ What's going to happen to trees causing sidewalk damage?

Every effort will be made to keep trees in place. Only trees that are diseased or dying will be removed, and new trees will be planted elsewhere to replace them.

### ❖ How can I stay up to date on what's happening?

Visit [www.cityofmonrovia.org/monroviarenewal](http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/monroviarenewal) and subscribe to receive e-mail updates! If you have questions, call Public Works at (626) 932-5575 or e-mail [monroviarenewal@ci.monrovia.ca.us](mailto:monroviarenewal@ci.monrovia.ca.us).



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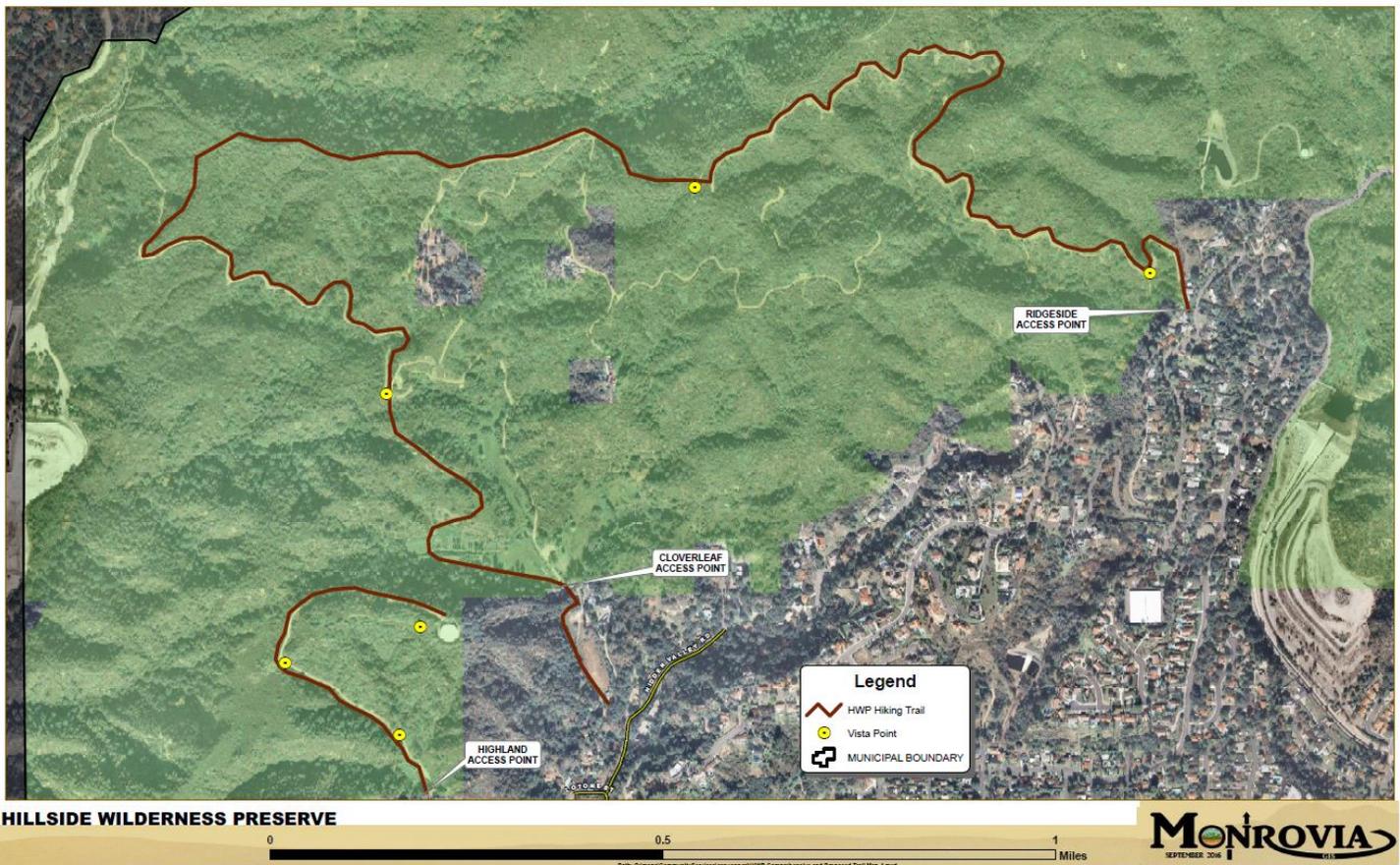
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## **HILLSIDE WILDERNESS PRESERVE TRAIL SYSTEM BEING REPAIRED, RIDGESIDE AND CLOVERLEAF ACCESS POINTS PLANNED TO BE OPENED AT THE END OF OCTOBER 2016**

During the past several months, staff has been working to finalize the opening of the Ridgeside Access Point and Cloverleaf Access Point by coordinating the installation of a variety of enhancements and mitigation measures. We wanted to let everyone know that one of the initiatives that the City Council authorized last week involves making repairs to the existing trail system in the City's Hillside Wilderness Preserve (HWP) connecting Ridgeside with Cloverleaf.

Included below as an attachment to this email is an updated HWP trail system map which outlines the formal trail system that the City will be working to improve during the next several weeks. Based on our current schedule, we anticipate that all of our work related to trail improvements and neighborhood mitigations will be complete within 4-6 weeks. This means that the Ridgeside Access Point and Cloverleaf Access Point should both be ready to be opened towards the end of October 2016.

We are looking forward to completing this overall process!



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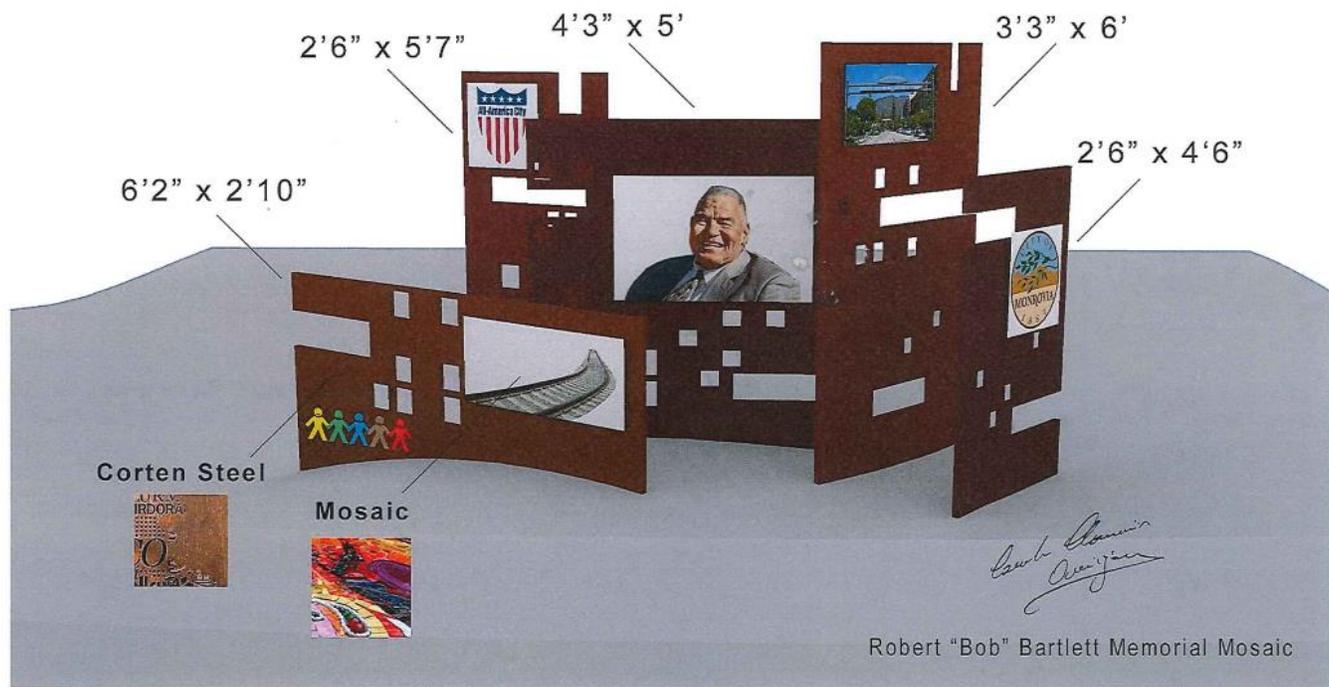
## **BOB BARTLETT MEMORIAL MOSAIC PROGRAM COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS ART CONCEPT PROPOSED BY CAROLE CHOUCAIR OUEIJAN**

During the past several months, the City has been working with the Bob Bartlett Memorial Committee (Committee) to identify the proper tribute for our late former Mayor, Bob Bartlett. After assessing several different options, the Committee determined that a fitting tribute would be to commission a mosaic mural at Station Square.

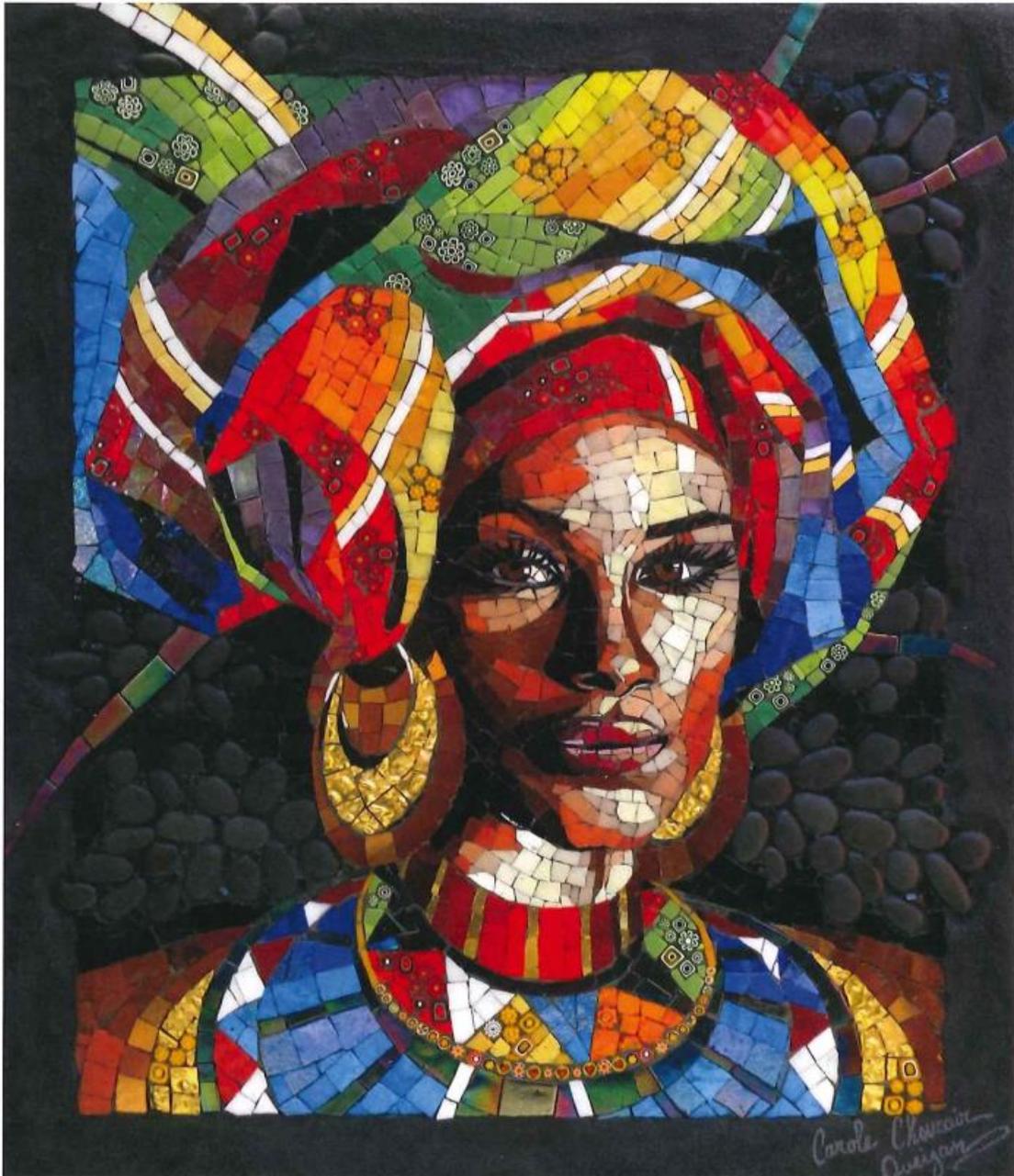
After reviewing the proposed tribute, the City Council authorized the Committee to consider mosaic mural project concepts from four artist finalists, which include:

- Cha-Rie Tang & Gerda Govine
- Katherine England
- Dawn Mendelson
- Carole Choucair Queijan

Last week, the Committee met to review presentations from the finalists. All four artists had terrific proposals, however, after careful review and consideration, the Committee ultimately decided that a variation of the proposal submitted by Carole Choucair Queijan would be best option for consideration. Attached to this email is the preliminary concept proposed by Ms. Queijan, and moving forward, the proposed project will be considered by the full City Council in October 2016.



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**"An African Woman", Private Commission, Las Vegas**

**Carole Choucair Oueijan**

**LIBRARY STRATEGIC PLAN COMMUNITY FORUM SET TO TAKE PLACE ON OCTOBER 8, 2016, FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**

On Saturday, September 17, 2016, City staff, library stakeholders, and interested community members came together to begin working on the Monrovia Public Library Strategic Plan. The meeting was inspirational and productive, and the participants worked in groups to share ideas about why the library exists and who the library serves. This preliminary information helped craft the beginnings of purpose statement that will help move the Monrovia Public Library forward to be even better than it is today.

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Moving forward, the project team is working to develop a survey that will allow the community share what they love about the library and what they would like to see improved in the future. The survey will be available for everyone to take in the next week or two, and we will be sure to share that information as soon as we have it available.

As the overall strategic planning process continues, the next big step in the process involves hosting a Community Forum that has been scheduled to take place on Saturday, October 8, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the library. Everyone is welcome to participate, and we hope that you will take some time to come and help us determine how we can further improve our library operations! If you have any questions, please contact us at (626) 256-8274!

## **THE TASTE OF OLD TOWN MONROVIA... ONE OF THE PREMIER CULINARY EVENTS IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY... IS SET TO TAKE PLACE ON OCTOBER 9, 2016, FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.**

Fall is here, which means... it's time for one of the premier culinary events in the San Gabriel Valley! The *Taste of Old Town Monrovia* event, which is sponsored and coordinated by the Kiwanis Club of Monrovia, is set to take place on October 9, 2016, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., in Old Town. You don't want to miss this tremendous opportunity to partake in an evening that will be filled with incredible food, scintillating libations, and uplifting music... all of which will take place against the amazing backdrop of Old Town!

So what are you waiting for? Mark your calendars now and make sure you take part in this annual community event in support of the Kiwanis Club of Monrovia! Tickets are \$50 when purchased in advance, \$60 when purchased at the door. For additional event details, please visit <http://www.tastemonrovia.com/>.

## **SCAG HOSTING A DISCUSSION WITH DR. LUCY JONES, RENOWNED SEISMOLOGIST, REGARDING SUBREGIONAL RISK ASSOCIATED WITH A LARGE-SCALE EARTHQUAKE – MEETING SET FOR OCTOBER 25, 2016, AT ARCADIA CITY HALL**

This past week, SCAG invited the City to participate in a conversation with world renowned seismologist, Dr. Lucy Jones, on Tuesday, October 25, 2016, at the Arcadia City Hall (240 W. Huntington Drive, Arcadia) from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The meeting will focus on identifying the risk in a large-scale earthquake and will provide an overview of what steps can be undertaken by cities to prepare and mitigate the risks.

Monrovia will be sending emergency preparedness representatives to participate in the event, which is geared towards creating a plan and partnerships to protect the Southern California economy from the predictable disruption that will result from a large regional earthquake.

## **ACROSS ALL OF CALIFORNIA, THE NOVEMBER 8, 2016, ELECTION WILL HAVE A RECORD NUMBER OF LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND MUNICIPAL MEASURES UP FOR VOTER CONSIDERATION**

This past week, California City Finance put out a memo that had some interesting facts regarding local measures that will be on the November 8, 2016, ballot for consideration. A copy of the report has been uploaded to our website at the link below for your review and reference:

<http://cityofmonrovia.org/citymanagersoffice/page/administration>

Highlights included in the report are as follows:

- The November 8, 2016, California election includes some 650 local measures including 427 seeking approval for taxes or bonds.

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- School bonds and parcel tax measures make nearly half of the number.
  - K-12 schools districts and community colleges are requesting a total of \$25.314 billion in 184 separate authorizations for bonds to construct facilities, acquire equipment and make repairs and upgrades.
  - There are 22 measures to increase or extend (renew) school parcel taxes.
- Among the 221 non-school local revenue measures are four measures asking for a total of \$7.266 billion in bonds, including the \$3.5 billion Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Measure RR covering three San Francisco Bay area counties, the \$1.2 billion Los Angeles homeless housing and services Measure HHH, and Santa Clara County's \$950 million affordable housing Measure A.
- There are 88 measures to increase or extend Transactions and Use Tax (Sales Tax) rates. Thirty of these are special (earmarked) taxes requiring two-thirds voter approval. These include 13 countywide measures for transportation improvements. There are 58 city and county majority vote general purpose tax proposals ranging from ¼ percent to one percent.
- There are 39 city, county and special district parcel taxes requiring two-thirds voter approval, including 5 street/road improvement measures, 8 for parks /recreation /open space, 14 for fire /emergency medical response, four for hospitals, and four for police.
- Coinciding with the statewide Proposition 64, which would legalize recreational marijuana in California, there are 37 measures to tax cannabis.
- There are 3 measures on the ballot to tax sugary beverages (in Albany, Oakland and San Francisco).
- Voters in nineteen cities and two counties will consider increasing hotel occupancy taxes.

It will certainly be a packed ballot come this November!

## **MONROVIA SET TO SERVE AS A VOTE-BY-MAIL DROP-OFF LOCATION FOR THE NOVEMBER 8, 2016, GENERAL ELECTION, VOTERS CAN DROP OFF THEIR BALLOT AT MONROVIA CITY HALL BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 11, 2016**

Speaking of ballots... during the past few weeks, the City has been working with the LA County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's office to coordinate a new service for voters during the upcoming November 8, 2016, election. In an effort to provide the electorate with another option through which they can vote during what is anticipated to be a very busy Presidential General Election, Monrovia will be participating in the Vote by Mail (VBM) Ballot Drop-Off Program. This service will allow voters to drop off their VBM ballot here at Monrovia City Hall beginning on October 11, 2016.

Our City Clerk, Alice Atkins, has worked to coordinate this program for our community, and we will have a ballot box publically available in a visibly secure location during normal business hours at City Hall from October 11, 2016, through November 7, 2016. Credentialed, identifiable teams from Los Angeles County will exchange the ballot boxes on an ongoing basis leading up to Election Day on November 8, 2016. We are excited to offer this program during the upcoming election cycle!

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## **FREE HOMEWORK HELP AT THE LIBRARY AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS FROM KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE EVERY MONDAY AND TUESDAY FROM 4:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.**

Are you having trouble with your homework? Then make plans to stop by the Monrovia Public Library, where Pro-Active Tutoring provides pre-screened tutors at no cost for our library patrons. Tutors assist students from Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade in subjects such as reading, language arts, and math. The tutoring sessions are available every Monday & Tuesday during the school year from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Library Story Room. If you have any questions, please contact the Library at (626) 256-8274!

## **ATTENTION 2<sup>ND</sup> – 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS... VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY AND YOU COULD RECEIVE A FREE BOOK!**

The Library is hosting a program called, "Vote for Your Favorite Book," which will take place over six weeks between September 28, 2016 – November 2, 2016. As part of the program, every Wednesday from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. during the program, children in 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to come and vote for their favorite book. Library staff will hold elections, learn about states, read about presidents, as well as make crafts, play games, and offer participants the chance to win prizes! Those who attend four out of six classes will also receive a free book! If you have any questions, please contact the Library at (626) 256-8274!

## **PAJAMA STORYTIME SET TOT TAKE PLACE ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2016, AND OCTOBER 26, 2016**

Put on your PJs, bring your favorite stuffed toy, and join us at the Library for bedtime stories, songs, and fun! On September 28, 2016, and October 26, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in the Library Storytime Room, you can participate in the PJ reading fun! If you have any questions, please contact the Library at (626) 256-8274!

## **CONGRESSWOMAN JUDY CHU'S 2016 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DRIVE SEEKS DONATION FROM OCTOBER 1, 2016 TO NOVEMBER 1, 2016**

The City of Monrovia is partnering with Congress Member Judy Chu and her 2016 Domestic Violence Drive. There are many ways you can help domestic violence survivors through your donation of toiletries, household cleaning products, children's clothing, gently used business attire, and children's school supplies. The Monrovia Community Center is one of many drop-off sites that have been identified throughout the San Gabriel Valley, and donations will be accepted from October 1, 2016 to November 1, 2016. Attached to this email is a press release and flyer regarding the program with additional information.

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## **Congresswomen Judy Chu & Grace Napolitano Kick Off Annual Domestic Violence Collection Drive Hosted by Kaiser Permanente Baldwin Park**

**Monrovia, CA** - Today, Congresswomen Judy Chu (D-Monterey Park) and Grace F. Napolitano (D-El Monte) joined Kaiser Permanente Baldwin Park and other local partnering organizations at a press conference at the Monrovia Community Center to kick off the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Domestic Violence Collection Drive.

"I am so happy to be launching our 13th Annual Domestic Violence Collection Drive," said **Rep. Chu**. "A shocking 1 in 3 US women will experience rape, violence, and/or stalking from an intimate partner in their lifetimes. Beyond the inexcusable violence, abusers also use intimidation to keep women in the house or make it impossible to have any sort of financial independence. That means that when a victim finally makes the decision to leave her abuser, she often has nothing but the clothes on her back. That is what this Drive is meant to help. I'm so proud of the incredible amount of growth and involvement we've seen over the years, and I am hopeful we can exceed even last year's record amount of donations."

"We are here to embrace all the brave survivors of domestic violence and extend our love and support to them," said **Rep. Napolitano**. "Too often fear and shame prevent more survivors from seeking help, so that is why our annual collection drive is so important. Items donated are reminders of the support from our community and are critical for the healing of those who have been wounded both physically and emotionally. We are so proud to partner with Congresswoman Chu, Kaiser Permanente, and the many volunteers throughout the San Gabriel Valley participating in Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We need all of your help to end domestic violence, and we thank you for your compassion and generosity."

Reps. Chu and Napolitano were joined by a survivor of domestic violence and representatives from partnering organizations, including Maggie Pierce, Executive Director—Kaiser Permanente Baldwin Park; Dr. Victor Cheng, Physician In-Charge—Kaiser Permanente Diamond Bar; Ken Muche, Public Relations Manager—Verizon Wireless; Mavis Hansen, Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Chair—California Federation of Women's Clubs – San Gabriel Valley District; and Ana Interiano, Director—YWCA San Gabriel Valley – WINGS (Women in Need Growing Strong).

The month-long drive, part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October, will collect gently used women's and children's clothing, household cleaning products, toiletry items—no BREAKABLE items, please—and other donations that will be distributed to victims at shelters throughout the San Gabriel Valley. Donations can be dropped off at Kaiser Permanente facilities in Baldwin Park, Diamond Bar, Montebello, San Dimas, and West Covina.

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## Congresswoman Judy Chu, CA-27 & Women's Groups/Organizations in Greater San Gabriel Valley

Supporting Victims of Domestic Violence from:

Elizabeth House  
Foothill Family Service  
Pacific Lifeline  
Project Sister Family Services  
Shepherd's Door

**October 1 - November 1**

**Items Collected**

\* Clothing for women and children \* Toiletries \* Household cleaning products

\* Children's school supplies

*(No BREAKABLE items please)*

### Collection Locations

Rep. Judy Chu Pasadena Office	527 South Lake Avenue, Suite 106, Pasadena
Rep. Judy Chu Claremont Office	415 W. Foothill Boulevard, Suite 122, Claremont
Alexander Hughes Community Center	1700 Danbury Road, Claremont
Alhambra City Hall	111 S. Fist Street, Alhambra
Altadena Community Center	730 E. Altadena Drive, Altadena
Altadena Senior Center	560 E. Mariposa Street, Altadena
Arcadia Community Center	375 Campus Drive, Arcadia
Arcadia Woman's Club (Wed./ Thurs. Only)	324 S. 1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue, Arcadia
Bradbury City Hall	600 Winston Avenue, Bradbury
Garvey Community Center	9108 Garvey Avenue, Rosemead
Fiorina Clothing Store	124 N. Glendora Avenue, Glendora
Joslyn Adult Recreation Center	210 N. Chapel Avenue, Alhambra
Monrovia Community Center	119 W. Palm Avenue, Monrovia
Monterey Park City Hall	320 W. Newmark Avenue, Monterey Park
San Gabriel City Hall	425 S. Mission Drive, San Gabriel
San Marino Police Department	2200 Huntington Drive, San Marino
Sierra Madre Woman's Club	550 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard, Sierra Madre
South Pasadena City Hall	1414 Mission Street, South Pasadena
South Pasadena Woman's Club	1424 Freemont Avenue, South Pasadena
Upland City Hall	460 N. Euclid Avenue, Upland

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## **26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL "MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY" SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 22, 2016**

The 26<sup>th</sup> annual "Make a Difference Day" event has been scheduled to take place on Saturday, October 22, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Coordinated by the Volunteer Center of San Gabriel Valley, the event will kick off at Library Park right here in Monrovia. The event this year is dedicated to the Veterans in our community who so bravely served our nation, and through the "Make a Difference Day" event this year, we want to acknowledge their sacrifice while expressing our most sincere appreciation for their service.

The event this year will include over 25 projects, including:

- Keep It Clean (KIC) Old Town Monrovia – Cleanup alleyway in Old Town Monrovia
- Tree plantings at local Monrovia parks
- "No Butts" park clean-up – picking up cigarette butts in City parks
- Food sorting & youth activity project hosted by Foothill Unity Center
- Church clean-up project hosted by Bethel AME Methodist Church
- Monrovia High School baseball field improvements

If you are interested in participating in this fantastic event, you can sign-up to volunteer or sponsor a project! For more information, please visit the Volunteer Center of the San Gabriel Valley online at [www.vcsgv.org](http://www.vcsgv.org).

## **53<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL CELEBRATE THE ARTS SHOW & CHALKFEST SET TO TAKE PLACE OCTOBER 29-30, 2016**

The Monrovia Association of Fine Arts (MAFA) has been hard at work during the past few months in coordinating the 53<sup>rd</sup> annual *Celebrate the Arts Show & Chalkfest*, which is scheduled to take place on October 29-30, 2016, at Library Park in Old Town Monrovia. This year's event theme is "Art in Motion," and the featured artists' will be Steve & Marianne McCarthy. On Saturday, October 29, 2016, activities will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., while Sunday's events on October 30, 2016, will occur from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Make sure you plan on participating in what will certainly be an incredible weekend filled with art demonstrations, amazing chalk art displays, live music, and a beer garden & food court!

For more information, be sure to check out MAFAs website at <http://www.monroviafinearts.org/>, or call (626) 483-0560.

## **OLD TOWN TRICK-OR-TREAT & HALLOWEEN BASH SET TO TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2016, FROM 3:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M., IN OLD TOWN MONROVIA!**

The City and the Monrovia Old Town Merchants are teaming up once again to host the annual *Old Town Trick-or-Treat & Halloween Bash!* This year's event will take place on Monday, October 31, 2016, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., in Old Town Monrovia and at Library Park.

The entire afternoon will be filled with ghoulish fun for the entire family! Planned activities include:

- Trick-or-Treating in Old Town

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- Youth, Adult and Group Costume Contests with registration beginning at 3:00 p.m.
- Don't forget to also register your pooch in the Dog Costume Contest!

This great community event is made possible through the generous donations of our VIP sponsors. Many thanks to:

- Sierra Family of Dealerships
- Wendy's Hamburgers
- BMW Mini of Monrovia
- C.R. Stelling Insurance
- BMW of Monrovia

Be sure and bring your "little goblins" to what promises to be an exciting Halloween Event! And keep in mind that the Trick-or-Treat event will be held rain or shine, with the Costume Contest set to be held in the Community Center in the event of rain. For additional information, please contact the Public Services Department at (626) 256-8246.

## **LOOKING FOR A DIFFERENT KIND OF TRICK-OR-TREATING? THEN YOU MIGHT WANT TO CHECK OUT THE CITY'S TRICK-OR-TREAT EVENT SET TO BE HELD IN THE CANYON PARK ON OCTOBER 31, 2016, FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.!**

Looking for a different kind of trick-or-treating this year? Have you ever thought about combining a search for candy with a hike towards a waterfall? If that sounds interesting to you, then you'll want to try out the City's new Trick-or-Treating in Canyon Park event, which is set to take place on October 31, 2016, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., in Canyon Park!

Our very own Park Rangers will be hosting the trick-or-treat event, and event participants will be able to hike on a portion of our Canyon Park Waterfall Trail. Along the way, you'll be met by Park Rangers who will be dressed in costume and ready to offer treats to all... to all who dare to participate, that is! For additional information, please contact the Public Services Department at (626) 256-8246.

## **VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER IS COMING SOON TO THE LIBRARY, VOLUNTEERS INTERESTED IN HELPING TO CONNECT VETERANS WITH AVAILABLE SERVICES ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT THE CITY!**

You may recall that the Monrovia Public Library was recently awarded a grant to establish a Veteran's Resource Center at our facility. During the past few weeks, we have made progress in getting the new center resource established, however, we do need your help! If you have any interest in volunteering to help connect Veterans with available services, we would like to encourage you to contact us!

Those interested should get in touch with Mabel Cross, who can be reached via email at [mcross@ci.monrovia.ca.us](mailto:mcross@ci.monrovia.ca.us), or by phone at (626) 256-8294. The Library will provide training for all interested volunteers, and we have a variety of volunteer positions available, including Veterans Benefits Coach, Oral History Interviewer, and Community Outreach Specialist. Please see the attached flyer for additional information.

If you have any interest in volunteering to make a difference in the life of a veteran, please contact us at the Library today!

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## **HELP VETERANS CONNECT TO BENEFITS THEY EARNED. Volunteer Today!**

We provide training for the following positions:

Veterans Benefits Coach  
Oral History Interviewer  
Community Outreach Specialist



For information contact:  
Mabel Cross 626-256-8294  
[mcross@ci.monrovia.ca.us](mailto:mcross@ci.monrovia.ca.us)



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**TAYLOR PERFORMING ARTS CENTER SET TO PRESENT "SIDE BY SIDE BY SONDEHEIM," DECEMBER 2-4, 2016, THOSE INTERESTED IN PERFORMING ARE ASKED TO ATTEND AUDITIONS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 4, 2016, AND OCTOBER 6, 2016**

You may have heard... the Taylor Performing Arts Center has announced that their December 2016 musical production will be, *Side by Side by Sondheim!* Stephen Sondheim is considered by many to be musical theatre royalty and *Side by Side by Sondheim* is a sparkling retrospective of musical numbers from shows as diverse as *Follies*, *Company*, *A Little Night Music*, *Pacific Overtures*, and *Sweeney Todd*. The show will be presented December 2-4, 2016, and tickets can be purchased online at [www.BrownPaperTickets.com](http://www.BrownPaperTickets.com).

In addition, if anyone is interested in audition to perform in *Side by Side by Sondheim*, auditions are scheduled to take place on October 4, 2016 and October 6, 2016. Please see the attached flyer for additional information!

The Taylor Performing Arts Center presents...

845 W. Colorado Blvd.  
Monrovia, CA

This production is sponsored by Monrovia Unified School District  
Purchase tickets at [BrownPaperTickets.com](http://BrownPaperTickets.com)

MUSIC & LYRICS BY STEPHEN SONDEHEIM & MUSIC BY LEONARD BERNSTEIN,  
MARY RODGERS, RICHARD RODGERS, JULE STYNE CONTINUITY BY NED SHERRIN  
PRODUCED ON BROADWAY BY HAROLD PRINCE IN ASSOCIATION WITH RUTH MITCHELL  
PRESENTED THROUGH SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL (MTI)

**SIDE BY  
SIDE BY  
SONDHEIM**

**DECEMBER 2-4, 2016**

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The Taylor Performing Arts Center and Monrovia Unified School District  
are pleased to announce

## **AUDITIONS** for



**Audition Dates:** **Tuesday, October 4, 2016**  
*Principals* (Sign-in, 6:30 p.m.; Auditions, 7:00 to 10:30 p.m.)  
**Thursday, October 6, 2016**  
*Callbacks by invitation only; 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.)*

**Location:** **The Taylor Performing Arts Center**  
*(on the campus of Monrovia High School)*  
*845 W. Colorado Boulevard*  
*Monrovia, CA 91016*

### **Audition Information:**

**Principal Audition:** Please prepare 16-32 bars of a song **from a musical** (stage or film) that shows your range. Be sure to bring sheet music with you in the appropriate key. An accompanist will be provided (NO CDs, please).

Be prepared to dance. Please wear movement friendly clothing. **A dance combination will be taught at the audition.** You **DO NOT** need to prepare a dance routine of your own.

**Please bring a resume and headshot with you.**

**Small stipends will be available for principal roles.**

**Rehearsals begin:** **November 1, 2016**

**Performance dates:** **December 2, 3, & 4, 2016**

For additional information on the open auditions, please e-mail Julia Clegg at [jclegg@monroviaschools.net](mailto:jclegg@monroviaschools.net)

**Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at the auditions!**

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## **WASHINGTON, D.C. UPDATE FROM TURCH AND ASSOCIATES**

The latest update from our federal lobbying firm of Turch and Associates has been uploaded to our website at the link below for your review and reference. This most recent report provides an overview of the ongoing negotiations for a continuing resolution to keep the Federal government from shutting down, and also an update on the new National Museum of African American History and Culture.

<http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/citymanagersoffice/page/washington-dc-legislative-updates>

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT SEMI-WEEKLY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT**

The most recent Police Department semi-weekly neighborhood watch report for the period September 19 – 21, 2016 has been included for your review and reference. During the past seven-day period, the Monrovia Police Department handled 445 service events, resulting in 83 total investigations.

That's it for this update, thanks so much for taking the time to read this report and I do hope you have a wonderful rest of the week!

Best regards,  
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